

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

Ref. No.: 12439-0168

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO at (571) 273-8300 or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 5, 2006.

Erin Cowles

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/609,263 Confirmation No. 8103
Applicant : Eldridge
Filed : June 26, 2003
TC/A.U. : 3729
Examiner : Paul D. Kim

Docket No. : P150D1-US

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the final Office Action of August 14, 2006, the shorted statutory period for response to which has been extended to December 14, 2006 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, Applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended under 37 CFR § 1.116 as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.